



SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2006

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Board Members Present: Ginny Burley, Chair; Rob LaClair, Vice Chair; Allen Gilbert, Clerk; Mark Berry, Stuart Savage, Tom Williams.

Administrators Present: Keith Gerritt, Principal; Tom McKone, Assistant Principal; Robbe Brook, Superintendent.

Student Representative Present: Andrew Huckins-Noss

1.0. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chair, Ginny Burley.

2.0. Mark Berry moved and Rob LaClair seconded a motion to go into executive session for the purpose of discussing two student discipline matters and a personnel issue.

At 7:50 p.m., Mark Berry moved and Rob LaClair seconded a motion to come out of executive session.

Rob LaClair moved and Tom Williams seconded a motion to accept the administration's recommendation on the first student discipline issue. This motion passed unanimously.

Stuart Savage moved and Allen Gilbert seconded a motion to accept the administration's recommendation on the second student discipline issue, to extend the suspension up to the end of Trimester 1. This motion passed unanimously.

Tom Williams moved and Mark Berry seconded a motion to accept the administration's recommendation on a personnel issue. This motion passed unanimously.

1.1. Reception of Guests

1.2. Agenda Revisions

1.3. Public Comments and Correspondence

3.0. Consent Agenda

3.1. Stuart Savage moved and Tom Williams seconded a motion to approve the minutes of the September 27, 2006 special school board meeting. Discussion: Allen Gilbert noted incorrect date; should be September 27th. This motion carried unanimously, with noted change.

3.2. Allen Gilbert moved and Tom Williams seconded a motion to approve the minutes of the October 4, 2006 school board meeting. Discussion: "Administrators Present" should not have an apostrophe. Ginny Burley noted, under 3.1, her comment referred to "strategic plan", not policy. Also, at the end of paragraph, add "including WSCU by-laws, roles and responsibilities." Allen Gilbert suggested, in that same section, the sentence referring to his statement, leave off the last clause, "until this mandate." With noted changes, this motion carried unanimously.

4.0. Reports to the Board

4.1. Finance Committee: Stuart Savage let the board know that Draft 1 of the budget will be presented on November 15th. Stuart Savage asked Keith Gerritt if the budget process seemed to be on schedule; Keith replied that we were in great shape. Stuart Savage also asked that the budget timeline and process be part of the discussion at the next board meeting. He noted that the committee had a "free ranging" discussion of budget parameters and agrees that the goal should be to keep the "per pupil" cost in proportion to the rate of inflation. Ginny Burley noted that the committee discussed meeting with elementary school boards during budget discussion, to invite them to a board meeting. Tom Williams asked whether that should be a WSCU Executive Committee issue rather than a U-32 board issue. Ginny Burley noted that such a coming together, facilitated by Bill Talbot, would be timely this year since the tax bills were for the first time going to be broken down by elementary and secondary education. November 15th was the first choice of the board; depending on whether Mr. Talbot could attend. December 6th is the second choice.

4.2. Curriculum Committee: No report tonight.

4.3. Vermont School Boards' Association: Stuart Savage has no report except to encourage board members to attend the VSBA annual meeting, in Montpelier November 16th and 17th.

4.4. Administrator's Report: Keith Gerritt circulated information regarding "Athletic IQ." Keith Gerritt answered a few questions regarding this evaluative tool. The board discussed this new endeavor. Tom Williams asked whether this type of activity should have been presented to the board first. Allen Gilbert expressed his concerns regarding 1) "for-profit" endeavors in the school building, and 2) student confidentiality issues. Allen Gilbert suggested getting the company's privacy policy. Who owns the results of this program? was a concern of many board members. Board members asked that Keith Gerritt follow up on some questions they had presented. Some discussion followed regarding facilities/building use policy and fundraising policy and whether this event complies.

Keith Gerritt asked the board's pleasure regarding the first November board meeting. Stuart moved to hold the board meeting on November 8th. The board agreed.



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Keith Gerritt asked about the Curriculum Committee meeting and board members and administrators agreed to move the November 1 meeting to Monday, October 30th at 5 p.m.

Keith Gerritt requested that the December 20th board meeting agenda include Kate Wilson from Guidance to present as requested, regarding U-32 Class of 2006. Tom Williams asked about the number of students that defer college entrance and whether there is a trend in this.

NECAP testing of 7th and 8th graders is now complete. Materials will be sent for scoring by Wednesday October 25th. Keith Gerritt was very pleased with the encouraging and supportive environment provided to the students during this testing period.

Keith Gerritt circulated a policy breakdown with committee assignments.

Tom McKone reported that Tuesday October 24th, 7:15 a.m. to 7:45 is the New Teacher Welcome breakfast.

4.5. Facilities Report: None

4.6. Student Representative's Report: Andrew Huckins-Noss reported that the junior class is feeling stressed due to scheduling issues; that they feel their first trimester schedule is very full and that sometimes the second and third trimesters are lighter. He suggested that extra consideration be given juniors at this time in their year. Allen Gilbert brought up the fact that they are also often taking the PSATs at this time.

Guests Present: Lori Bibeau, WCSU Business Administrator; David Angolano, CPA.

5.0. Discussion Agenda

5.1. FY06 Draft Audit Report: Lori Bibeau reported that there were no findings in the audit report and she invited questions for David Angolano. Ginny Burley asked for clarification regarding regular education versus special education costs.

5.2. Policy Review

6.0. Action Agenda

6.1. Finance Actions: None

6.2. Stuart Savage moved and Allen Gilbert seconded a motion to approve the FY06 Draft Audit Report with changes as discussed. This motion carried unanimously.

6.3. Resignations: None

6.4. Appointments: None

7.0. Rob LaClair moved and Stuart Savage seconded a motion to approve the board orders presented. The motion carried unanimously.

8.0. Ideas for Future Agenda: Ginny Burley reviewed the ideas that were previously put forth during this board meeting.

9.0. Board Comments: Ginny Burley reminded the board about the October 24th presentation regarding "Bullying Cyber Bullying and Teen Suicide," by John Halligan and provided a handout.

10.0. Adjournment: There being no further business, the board adjourned by consensus at 9:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Stoudt
Board Recording Secretary